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NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to restore the National Eligibility Test (NET) for M.Phil and Ph.D degree holders for appointment of teachers in colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present shortage of teachers in universities and Colleges; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to restructure the NET in a bid to increase the pool of eligible candidates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): National Eligibility Test continues to be compulsory for appointment of Teachers as lecturers for those holding only a Post Graduate degree . However, candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from the NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. Similarly, Candidates with M.Phil degree in the concerned subject are exempted from the NET for Under Graduate level teaching .

(c): As per the information furnished by the UGC, there are 1676 teaching posts, and 4203 Non-Teaching Posts lying vacant in the Central Universities as on 31.3.2006.

(d): A National Eligibility Test Review Committee is revising the NET. Fresh steps to restructure the NET can be taken only after receiving the final report of the NET Review Committee.